

Competition must be maintained in the American telecom marketplace to allow emerging broadband technologies to grow and flourish. Competition requires competitors be able to compete and remain viable in a marketplace where . If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will create a duopoly consisting of a Bells and local cable companies. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will be destroyed effectively setting back technology and the marketplace and depriving consumers of ISP and CLEC choice. The FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty.

Chairman Powell: Please continue to support equal access and competition by maintaining rules which enforce competition in the marketplace.